



***Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) Information
Delivery System (BIDS)***

***HSARPA Research Announcement RA-03-01
Bidder's Conference***

***BIDS Process Overview
Responding to this RA***

September 29, 2003

RA Package Highlights

- **ALL submissions through BIDS**
 - Includes (placeholder) records for Classified submissions to establish Document Identifier for tracking
- **5 Major Technical Topic Areas (TTA-1 through 5)**
- **White Paper Submissions (strongly encouraged) due no later than October 24, 2003**
 - 4:00 PM EST - <<Regardless of classification>>
 - Includes receipt of submission and creation of BIDS record
 - Favorable submissions from WP will be given 30 days from acceptance for subsequent submission or December 5, 2003 whichever is longer
- **Full Proposal Submissions due no later than December 5, 2003**
 - TTA-1-FP though 5-FP will be available after October 24, 2003
 - 4:00 PM EST -- <<Regardless of classification>>
 - Includes receipt of submission and creation of BIDS record
- **Responses to submitters via mail or email through BIDS registration POC at the discretion of HSARPA**

ALL submissions must follow RA-03-01 package instructions to avoid disqualification or delay!

BAA Information Delivery System (BIDS)

URL: <https://www.bids.tswg.gov>

- **BIDS is an electronic distribution and response system for Solicitation Announcements.**
- Web enabled Information Flow
 - Open access to download BAA packages/Reference Materials
 - Rapid upload of response data from registered submitters
 - Paperless and e-commerce secure (SSL) transmissions
 - Immediate process notifications to participants (via Email or on-line status)
- Internal Validation/Collaboration
 - Rapid and controlled distribution to Government requirement and mission area team (s)
 - Process and tracking control: assists in evaluator input by established deadlines
 - Immediate on-line status to group leaders

ANNOUNCEMENT -> REQUEST -> RESPONSE -> AWARD

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BIDS Home Page

www.bids.tswg.gov

Menu bar

- **Public Access**
- **Available 24/7**
- **SSL encrypted**
- **Unclassified information only!**
- **Section 508-compliant**

The screenshot shows the BIDS Home Page in a web browser. The address bar displays <https://www.bids.tswg.gov/tswg/bids.nsf/Main?OpenFrameset&5CDT27>. The page header includes the TSWG B.I.D.S. logo, navigation links (Home, Download BAAs, Help, FAQs), and a "BAA Information" link. A "Panels" callout points to the right-hand side of the page, which contains an "Account Center" with fields for Username and Password, a Login button, and links for "Forgot My Password" and "Register". Below this are sections for "Downloads" (BAAs, Reference Materials), "Discussion Forums" (Submitter Discussion Forum), and "Information" (About BIDS, Privacy Notice). A "Downloads" callout points to the "Downloads" section, which lists "RAs = BAAs" and "Reference Materials". A "Help Request!" callout points to a link at the bottom of the page that says "Have questions or comments regarding the BIDS site? Please submit a [Help Request](#) document". The page also features a "Menu bar" callout pointing to the navigation links and a "Public Access" callout pointing to the "Downloads" section. The page content includes a "HSARPA Research Announcement RA-03-01 Posted" notice and a "DARPA BAA 03-Q-4110 Funds Rescinded" notice.

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Download Information

Home Download BAAs Help FAQs

Download BAAs
(Menu bar or Downloads panel)

Downloads

BAA's

Reference Materials

**Reference
Materials**

Download BAAs:

Release Date	BAA	Excerpt	Close Date*
09/23/2003	RA-03-01 (DSBCC) (2140 Kbytes)	This Research Announcement (RA) is issued by the Homeland Security Advanced Research Project Agency (HSARPA) for the Detection Systems for Biological More...	12/05/2003*
06/05/2003	03-Q-4110 (D... 52 Kbytes)	TSWG and DARPA Advanced Beacon BAA. More...	CLOSED
05/14/2003	DAAD05-0... (130 Kbyte	... for Chemical, Biological, Countermeasures (CBRNC), Improvised Device Defeat More...	CLOSED
03/05/2003	DAAD05-0... (199 Kbyte	Chemical, Biological, Radiological	CLOSED
03/04/2003	03-Q-4070	... Survival, Explosive, Structural	
07/24/2002	02-Q-4738 (Rev1) (101 Kbytes)	Protection (PP), Physical S More...	
03/05/2002	02-Q-4702 (118 Kbytes)	Interest areas: Improvised Device Protection (PP), Investigative Support, Tactical Operations support More...	
10/23/2001	02-Q-4655 (ATL) (84 Kbytes)	No BAA excerpt available. More...	

* The Close Date listed above represents the last day initial submissions will be accepted. A BAA may have a due date in advance of the BAA Close Date. Refer to data for details.

**Download
HSARPA RA
package**

Reference Materials

Title	Date Posted
APBI Reference	
BAA Process 2003 (892 Kbytes)	02/20/2003
Submitter Training (800 Kbytes)	02/21/2003
TSWG APBI Introduction (2522 Kbytes)	02/21/2003
Transition and Commercialization (618 Kbytes)	02/21/2003
APBI Reference Guide (234 Kbytes)	02/21/2003
CBRNC Requirements (52 Kbytes)	02/21/2003
ED Requirements (13 Kbytes)	02/21/2003
ISF Requirements (16 Kbytes)	02/21/2003
PP and TOS Requirements (16 Kbytes)	02/21/2003
PS Requirements (30 Kbytes)	02/21/2003
IP Requirements (17 Kbytes)	02/21/2003
IDD Requirements (12 Kbytes)	02/21/2003
Evaluator Training Brief (993 Kbytes)	07/09/2003
Document Format	
Quad Chart Format (PPT) (65 Kbytes)	03/10/2003
Quad Chart Template (PDF) (19 Kbytes)	03/10/2003
HSARPA	
RA-03-01 Appendices (943 Kbytes)	09/24/2003

**Download
reference
documents**

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Registration

Account Center

UserName:

Password:

Login

Forgot My Password

Register

Register

Cancel

Registration

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

Registration Information

*Registration Type: ☒ Submitter ☐ Evaluator

*User Name:

*Password:

*Confirm Password:

Point of Contact Information

*First Name:

*Last Name:

*Company Name:

Department:

Position:

*Street Address:

*City:

*State: State is required only if the country is not the United States

*Zip Code:

*Country: United States

*Phone Number:

Fax Number:

*Email Address:

Comments:

Company Information

Legal Business Name or Doing Business As (DBA):

CAGE Code:

To register for a CAGE code, go to the [CAGE Code Registration Page](#)

NCAGE Code (Foreign countries only):

DUNS Number:

Plus 4:

*Business Type (Check all that apply):

- ☐ Woman Owned Business
- ☐ Educational Institution
- ☐ Nonprofit Institution
- ☐ Research Institution
- ☐ Government Government Type
- ☐ Other

*Business Location: Select a Location Select Foreign Country

*Congressional District: (State and District Number) Select a State Select a District

Search by zip code at: www.house.gov/house/MemberWWW.html

Submit

User Name: Used for login and in

User Name and Password are user selected during registration.

User name validation is automated and must be unique from other users.

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Account Approval

BIDS Registration Successful

Your registration form was successfully submitted. You will receive an e-mail notification when your account has been approved.

OK

- *Submitter accounts auto-approved*
- *BIDS provides immediate feedback*
- *It may take several minutes for account to be activated*

- Password Reset automated if User Name and email address match BIDS registration.

The screenshot shows a web browser window titled "BIDS - Password Reset - Microsoft Internet Expl...". The form has a "Cancel" button at the top left. Below it is the heading "Password Reset" and a paragraph: "Please complete the following form and your password will be reset and emailed to you." The form section is titled "User Account Information" and contains two input fields: "User Name:" and "Email Address:". A "Submit" button is at the bottom left of the form. Two callout boxes are present: one pointing to the "User Name:" field with the text "Same User Name for Login.", and another pointing to the "Email Address:" field with the text "Same as email for that User Name in BIDS registration."

Submitter Log-In



Login

Account Center

UserName:
XYZCORP

Password:

Login

Forgot My Password
Register

**Reset
Password**

**Anonymous
User - Public**



**Update
Account**

Account Center

Edit My Account
Change Password
Logout

**Change
Password**

**Submitter
Logged In**

Respond to BAA

Submitter Tools

Respond to BAA
My Submissions

**Respond
to BAA**

*Create for ALL
submissions!*

View Previous View Next

Show BAA#: 02-Q-4738 (Rev1)
DAAD05-03-T-0024 (DHS)
RA-03-01 (DSBCC)

Respond to BAA:

Please Select Requirement to Respond to.

RA-03-01

TTA-1-WP Band Autonomous Network
TTA-2-WP Rapid Autonomous Chemical Identification System (RABIS)
TTA-3-WP Autonomous Rapid Facility Chemical Agent Detector (ARFCAM)
TTA-4-WP Lightweight Autonomous Chemical Identification
TTA-5-WP Portable High-throughput Integrated Laboratory

**Select
Requirement
TTA-1 through 5**

**Select
RA-03-01**

**Submission
Checklist
(Correct ID,
format, etc.?)**

Checklist for Submissions

Please check your submittal for the following requirements to ensure compliance with the BAA:
File must be in the format requested in the BAA package.

The first page of the document must contain the following information:
Area, Requirement, and Document ID.

The Header must contain the following information:
Document ID: 1234; RCV-824; Tracking (SIT)

Digital files must be described in the header with underscores (e.g., 1234_824_SIT) and may not have spaces.

Graphic Images must be displayed and documented.

File size must be less than 500 KB.

See the BAA for additional information and detailed requirements.

Press **OK** to continue or **Cancel** to cancel submission upload.

OK Cancel

Reminders:

- No special characters or spaces in file names
- **500 KB file size limit**
- **Label submission**
- **Unclassified only**

Submission Form - Document IDs

The screenshot shows a submission form interface. At the top, there is a 'New' button and a 'Submission Title' field. Below this, a note states: '*Note: Please review the BAA to be aware of any recent revisions.' The form contains several fields: 'BAA #' with value 'RA-03-01', 'Requirement:' with value 'TTA-3-WP Autonomous Rap...', 'User Name:' with value 'VEND', 'Submission Date:' with value '09/25/2003', 'Proposal Title:' with a placeholder 'ENTER DOCUMENT TITLE', and 'Submitter Internal Tracking #' with value 'HSARPA-TTA-3-WP-VEND-' and a placeholder 'ENTER SIT#'. A bracket groups the 'HSARPA-TTA-3-WP-VEND-' and 'ENTER SIT#' fields. A callout box points to the 'ENTER SIT#' field, stating: 'Submitters must enter SIT# This is the only part of the Document Identifier not auto generated by BIDS.' Another callout box points to the 'ENTER SIT#' field, stating: 'Only one proposal can be submitted to the same requirement from each Team.' A large callout box at the bottom left states: 'Full Document Identifier must appear in submission documents (HSARPA-TTA-3-WP-USERNAME-SIT#)'. At the bottom of the form, there is a text box explaining the SIT#: 'The SIT# is a company internal tracking number. Place the cursor in the submittal. See FAQ section on Preparation for clarification on con...'.

New

Submission Title

*Note: Please review the BAA to be aware of any recent revisions.

BAA # RA-03-01

Requirement: TTA-3-WP Autonomous Rap... y Chemical Agent Detector (ARFCAM)

User Name: VEND

Submission Date: 09/25/2003

Proposal Title: ENTER DOCUMENT TITLE

Submitter Internal Tracking #: HSARPA-TTA-3-WP-VEND- ENTER SIT#

Submitters must enter SIT#
This is the only part of the Document Identifier not auto generated by BIDS.

Only one proposal can be submitted to the same requirement from each Team.

Full Document Identifier must appear in submission documents (HSARPA-TTA-3-WP-USERNAME-SIT#)

The SIT# is a company internal tracking number. Place the cursor in the submittal. See FAQ section on Preparation for clarification on con...

Submission Form – contd

Enter the total \$ value of HSARPA funding requested.

Submission Date:

Proposal Title:

Submitter Internal Tracking #:

HSARPA-3-WP-VEND-

The Submitter must enter a company internal tracking number. Place the cursor in the text box and enter the number. See FAQ section [Submission Preparation](#) for clarification on completing this naming process.

Total Cost Estimate: US\$

For more information on submission preparation refer to the **Downloads** panel of the home page: [BAAs](#) and/or [Reference Materials](#).

**Unclassified
attachments
ONLY!**

Session timeout is 1 hour.

Comment: For classified submissions indicate: Submittal sent via BAA package instructions for Classified submittals.

**Attach Submittal
(500KB max per file)**

Attachment:

Browse...

Attach More Documents

Submit for Processing

**Attach more files.
Don't forget to SUBMIT!**

Success Message
Submitters are responsible for verifying file attachments

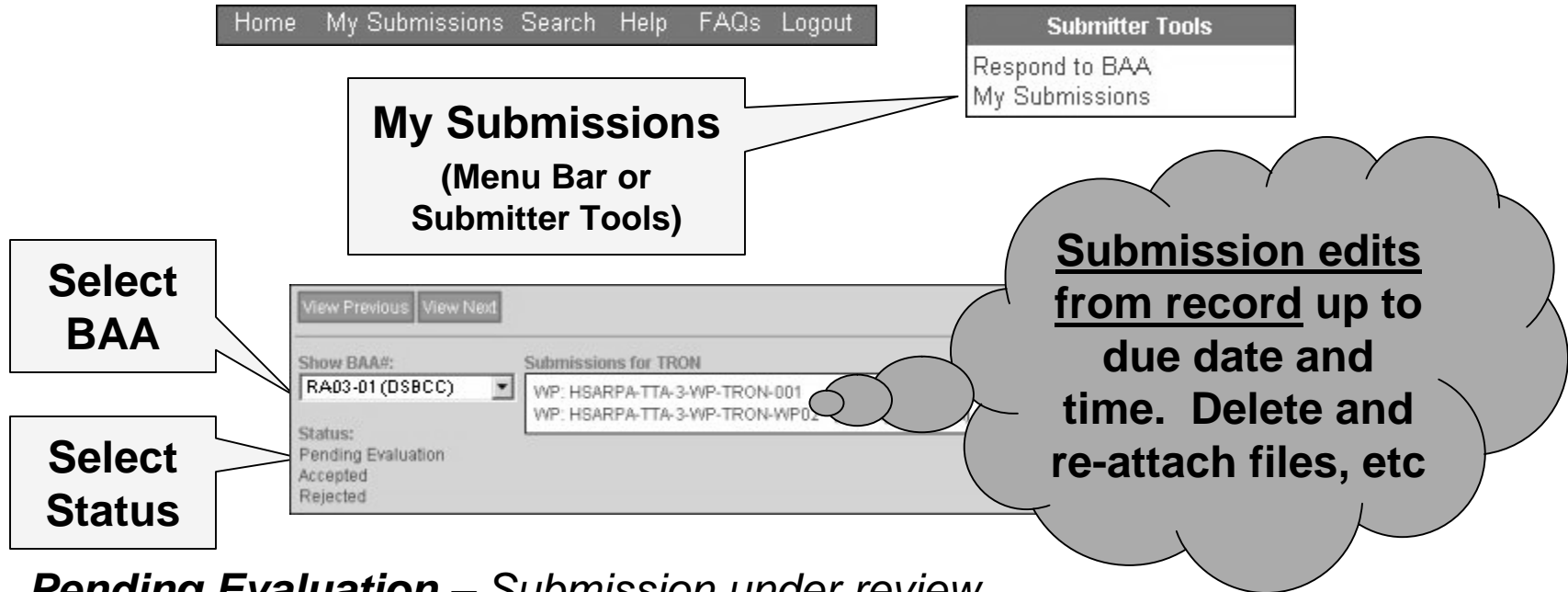
BIDS Submission – Successful

Your Submission has been successfully submitted.
[Full Proposal](#)

It is recommended that you click: [TechProp.pdf](#), [CostProp.pdf](#) below to test your uploaded document(s).

Note: If you need to reattach a document, you must first remove the current attachment, submit your changes, and **then** reattach the new document.

Submission Status



- **Pending Evaluation** – Submission under review
- **WP Feedback** – HSARPA intends to **encourage** subsequent preparation of a Full Proposal (Accept with Next submission) or **discourage** based on feedback to submitter (Accept with NO Next Submission)
- **Full Proposal Feedback** – HSARPA Award (Accept) or not-selected (Rejected)

Status may be provided to submitters via other means at the discretion of HSARPA. BIDS status may not reflect document status.

Help and FAQs

Home My Submissions Search Help FAQs Logout

Help and FAQs
(Menu Bar)

View Previous View Next Expand All Collapse All Close Help

BIDS On-Line Help

**** Your session with the server will timeout after 60 minutes of inactivity.
Please save your work frequently.**

Click ▶ to expand a category. Click ▼ to collapse a category.

- ▶ Adobe Acrobat
- ▶ BAAs
- ▶ FAQs
- ▶ Internet Browsers
- ▶ Login/Logout
- ▶ Reference Materials
- ▼ Registration
 - ▶ Registering for a BIDS Account
 - ▶ Rejecting a Registration Request
 - ▶ Editing Your Contact Information
 - ▶ Changing Your Password
 - ▶ Resetting Your Forgotten Password
- ▶ Reports
- ▶ Searching
- ▶ Submissions

Select help topic to view step-by-step instructions

View Previous View Next Expand All Collapse All Close FAQs

BIDS FAQs

Click ▶ to expand a category. Click ▼ to collapse a category.

- ▶ Doing business with the Government
- ▶ Foreign Entities
- ▶ General Questions
- ▼ Submission Preparation
 - ▶ What is a Submitter Internal Tracking Number (SIT)?
 - ▶ What is a CompanyID?
 - ▶ Did the Government specifically mean to exclude formats other than GIF/JPEG with the BAA statement, "graphic images inserted in the document should be in a file format (GIF/JPEG) that will minimize file size and support for SVGA display and document printing"?
 - ▶ What is a Document Identifier?
 - ▶ The 02-Q-4655 BAA PACKAGE states that Office 98 format. Since Office 98 cannot handle earlier versions (e.g., Office 95/Word 95) the format requirement to be "no later than Office 98 format"
- ▶ Submissions By Individuals

Select FAQ to view answer

Submission Format

- Microsoft Office Word 2000 or PDF or Excel
- Minimum Single space; 12-point font
- Printable and not password protected
- Multiple file upload for a single submission record allowed (if needed)
- 500 KByte limit per file
 - No spaces or special characters in the uploaded file name
- Document to Include Document Identifier from BIDS submission record

See RA-03-01 for specific requirements.

Key BAA Points

- **Read the RA Package Instructions and Requirements**
 - Required formats are required
 - File type and size
 - File name must not have spaces or special characters
 - Include relevant elements for that TTA / requirement
- **Closing date and times enforced by BIDS**
- Submit to the correct announcement: HSARPA-03-01 and specific TTA
- Must have BIDS submission record for classified submittals
 - Must be received by due date and time
- Document Identifier comprised of BAA_ID-REQT_ID-USERID-SIT
 - **Example: HSARPA-TTA-1-VEND-0703JT-WP**
 - Where:
 - » VEND is the submitter USERNAME
 - » 10703JT-WP is the submitter's internal tracking number for that submission
 - » Underlined portion auto-generated based on upload location and Username
- Include entire Document Identifier on the submission for tracking purposes
- **Register and submit early to avoid last minute deadline surprises!**

Key Points of Contact

- Questions regarding the solicitation:
 - **HSARPA.Queries_about_Solicitations@hq.dhs.gov**
- Questions regarding classified submissions:
 - **Robert.c.sullivan@dhs.gov**
- Questions regarding BIDS use or problems:
 - URL: www.bids.tswg.gov
 - HELP REQUEST at the bottom of web page
 - **BIDSHelp@tswg.gov**

See RA-03-01 for specific instructions.